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THE MINNETONKA CONFERENCE.

The A. L. A. Conference of 1908, to quote the *July Library Journal*, "proved in all respects a thorough success." In attendance, it ranks third in the history of the association, coming next after the banner conference at Magnolia and Narragansett. The total registration was 658, of whom fully three-fourths were from the Middle West. In this connection it is interesting to compare the attendance at the two former meetings held in the Middle West during the last ten years. At the Waukesha conference, in 1901, there were 460 present, while at the St. Louis (World's Fair) conference, in 1904, there were 577, this conference having the additional interest of being an International meeting with representatives from many foreign countries. The large attendance at Minnetonka bears witness to the steady growth of library interests in the Middle West during the last decade. Minnesota led the list with 144 names, of whom 92 were from the Twin Cities. Wisconsin followed with 102, and Illinois with 73 delegates. Although the Middle West naturally had the largest representation, the national character of

the meeting was still maintained by goodly delegations from the East, South and West, representing nearly every state in the union, and even the Philippines and New Zealand.

Tonka Bay Hotel was the headquarters of the conference, but as its accommodations were limited, a large proportion of our guests, including all those from Minnesota, were housed in hotels and cottages at Excelsior and other points on the lake. To obviate, as far as possible, the inconvenience of having the delegates thus scattered, free boat service was provided between headquarters and all points where members were located.

The delegation from New England arrived Sunday morning, and the Wisconsin party, augmented by a number of Eastern librarians who had stopped in Madison to attend the commencement exercises of the Wisconsin school, came on Sunday afternoon. Members of the local committee met the various parties in Minneapolis, whence they were conducted by trolley to the lake.

It is feared that the first impression of our guests was that we had overdone the warmth of our welcome, but by Tuesday morning the skies had cleared, and typical Minnesota weather was scheduled for the rest of the week.

A new and very useful feature of this conference was the publication of the "Daily Cumulative" by the H. W. Wilson Co. This contained in convenient form for ready reference all sorts of valuable information regarding program, hotels, trolleys

and boats, while the "Sporting Extra," which appeared on Friday, occasioned much merriment.

General Sessions.

The first general session of the conference was held in the pavilion on Monday evening, when President Bostwick delivered his president's address on "The librarian as a censor." The address was marked by a fine literary quality, and was of timely interest, in view of "the deluge of actually bad books which are now recklessly offered by publishers to the American public." Mr. Bostwick emphasized the great responsibility in the selection of books which has been thrown upon librarians by the expansion of the library field. "As the library's audience becomes larger, as its educational functions spread and are brought to bear on more and more of the young and immature, the duty of sifting its material becomes more imperative." He spoke of the library not "as a storehouse of data for the scholar and the investigator, but rather of the collection for the free use of the general public, and especially of collections intended for circulation. I know of no more desirable classification of books for our present purpose than the old three categories—the Good, the True and the Beautiful. Those books that we desire, we want because they fall under one or more of these three heads—they must be morally beneficial, contain accurate information or satisfy the esthetic sense in its broadest meaning. Conversely we may exclude a book because it lacks goodness, truth or beauty. We may thus reject it on one or more of the three following grounds: badness—that is undesirable moral teaching or effect; falsity—that is mistakes, errors or misstatements of fact; and ugliness—matter or manner offensive to our sense of beauty, fitness or decency." Mr. Bostwick elaborated the application of these principles, showing how standards of propriety varied in different times and countries, but making clear that in spite of the growing popularity of books that distinctly commend what is wrong, tempting the author to imitate, the publishers to produce, and the booksellers to exploit them, they need not tempt the librarian. "Here at last is a purveyor of books who has no interest in distributing what is not clean, honest and

true. The librarian may, if he will—and he does—say to this menacing tide, "Thus far shalt thou go and no farther."

The remainder of the evening was occupied by reports of officers and committees, followed by an interesting historical sketch of "Canadian libraries of long ago," by L. C. Burpee, librarian, Carnegie library, Ottawa, Canada, and "Greeting from New Zealand" extended by Herbert Baillie, librarian, Public Library, Wellington, N. Z.

The second general session was generally conceded to be one of the most interesting the A. L. A. has ever had, and showed that the charge that librarians know only the outsides of books was false in many instances at least. The program was prepared by Mrs. S. C. Fairchild, and proved so popular that a book-symposium will undoubtedly hereafter have an established place in A. L. A. meetings. Mr. Henry E. Legler, Secretary of the Wisconsin Library Commission, gave the opening paper on "The dear and dumpy twelves," this title referring to the old-fashioned 12mo editions of the classics which should form a large part of the librarian's personal reading. Miss Askew's paper on "The place, the man and the book" was read in her absence by Miss Jessie Hopkins, of the University of Georgia, and told in a most delightful way of building up a library in a lonely fishing-village on the Atlantic coast. She gave a graphic picture of the fisher-folk and their responsiveness and interest in the books which were chosen to appeal to their individual tastes. "An amateur's notions on boys' books," by E. L. Pearson, read in his absence by H. L. Leupp of the University of Chicago, gave an entirely refreshing view of reading from the standpoint of the boy who reads for the mere fun of the thing, with a strong plea against the feminization of the children's department. Mrs. Percival Sneed, of the Georgia Library Commission, followed with a talk on "Portraits of places," in which some charming stories of locality were briefly sketched. "Old Kensington," by Miss Thackeray; Sarah Orne Jewett's "Country of the pointed firs," and "Oldfield," a tale of Kentucky by Nancy Huston Banks. In telling "How to get Parkman read," Dr. Thwaites showed that these books have all the qualities which appeal to boys, vivid pictures of Indians, with heroes and hero-

ines and villains, full of interest and action. "Read your Parkman, and having read it you will give it to your boys." Miss Isabel Ely Lord then gave a short talk on "Fixing a purpose," describing a plan for special reading lists, which is to be followed in the Pratt Institute Free Library. The program closed with two-minute talks on recent worth-while books by various speakers.

The chief address at the third general session was given by J. L. Gillis, State librarian of California, on "The future of the library business," in which he advocated the centralization of library interests in the State Library, and the development of county library systems. The rest of the session was occupied with reports of committees. That of the committee on library training was read by Miss Mary W. Plummer, who also opened the library school symposium with "The evolution of the library school curriculum," a thoughtful presentation of the subject, emphasizing the standards of work to be followed and the human ideals to be attained. The New York State Library School was represented by Mr. Wyer; Pratt Institute by Miss Josephine Rathbone; Drexel by Miss Kroeger, and Pittsburgh by Miss Olcott.

On Saturday morning, the fourth and last general session was opened with reports from committees on Library work with the blind, Title-pages to periodicals and Library administration. The subject of "Open shelves and book losses" was then discussed by Miss Isabel Ely Lord, Pratt Institute Free Library, and E. L. Wilcox, librarian, Public Library, Peoria, Ill. Miss Lord argued that contact with books and selecting from the volumes themselves, rather than from the difficult and impersonal card catalog, is an education in the knowledge and love of books, while the actual figures of loss from the public libraries of this country, circulating over 200,000 volumes, show that the loss in proportion to use is very small.

An interesting paper was then read by Miss McKee, librarian of the American Circulating Library of Manila, on "Books sent to Manila," showing the development of the library in Manila from the scattered contributions of books and magazines sent during and after the Spanish-American war to the sailors and soldiers in Manila. From this fragmentary origin the library developed

rapidly, and in 1901 was turned over to the civil government of the Philippines.

Announcement was then made of the selection of Louisville, Ky., by the Council as next year's meeting place.

Officers were elected as follows: President, C. H. Gould; 1st vice-president, N. D. C. Hodges; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf; treasurer, Purd B. Wright; recorder, Miss M. E. Ahern; members of the council: H. E. Legler, W. L. Brown, A. R. Hasse, S. H. Ranck, Miss Edith Tobitt.

Section Meetings.

To provide especially for the needs of workers in every department, four sections have been organized, which maintain a formal organization from year to year, and take under consideration questions relating more particularly to their own province. The section meetings, while open to all, afford more opportunity for discussion of details, and the regular sessions are thus left free for subjects of general interest and the consideration of routine matters concerning the entire association.

Children's Librarians' Section.

This section held two meetings in charge of Miss Hannah C. Ellis of the Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, and the papers presented gave an enlarged view of the place that library work for children is coming to occupy in educational work.

Miss Annie Carroll Moore, Director of children's department, New York Public Library, opened the first session, with a paper on "Library membership as a civic force," from which the following extracts are chosen as most applicable to the problems of children's work which are met in all our small libraries:

"Fifteen years ago the Minneapolis Public Library opened a children's room, from which books were circulated. Previous to 1893 a reading-room for children was opened in the Brookline (Mass.) Public Library, but the Minneapolis Public Library was the first to recognize the importance of work with children, by setting aside a room for their use, with open shelf privileges and with a special assistant in charge of it. Since 1893 children's rooms and children's departments have sprung up like mushrooms all over the country, and first in

Pittsburgh, then in Brooklyn, Cleveland, Philadelphia, New York City and Queen's Borough, Long Island, children's rooms in branch libraries have been organized into departments from which a third, at least, of the entire circulation of the libraries is carried on by assistants, either trained or in training to become children's librarians.

"It has been the inevitable accompaniment of such rapid growth that the work should suffer growing pains in the form of criticism and even caricature at the hands of the casual observers and clever writers. Those of us who have been identified with the movement since its inception have somehow managed to preserve our faith in a survival of the fittest, by remembering that there was a time when everything was new, and have felt, if we could keep a firm grip on the active principles which inspire all successful work with children, whether it is the work of a small independent library or that of a large system of libraries, our labor was not likely to be lost. The children, the books, and ourselves are the three elements to be combined, and the success of the combination does not depend upon time, nor place, nor circumstance. It depends upon whether we have a clear vision of our surroundings and are able to adapt ourselves to them, a growing appreciation of the value of books to the persons who read them, and the power of holding the interest and inspiring the respect and confidence of children.

"The selection of adult books in all classes, especially in biography, travel, history and literature is too limited in the children's rooms of many libraries, and should be enlarged to the point of making the shelves of classed books look more like those of a library and less like those of a schoolroom. Titles in adult fiction should include as much of Jane Austen as girls will read and an introduction to Barrie in "Peter Pan" and "The little minister." "Jane Eyre" will supply the demand for melodrama in its best form, while "Vilette" and, possibly, "Shirley" may carry some girls far enough with Charlotte Brontë to incline them to read her life by Mrs. Gaskell. William Black's "Princess of Thule" and "Judith Shakespeare" will find occasional readers. "Lorna Doone" will be more popular, although there are girls who find it very tedious. There should be a full set of Dickens in an edi-

tion attractive to boys and girls. A complete set of the Waverley Novels in a new large print edition, well paragraphed and well illustrated, with the introduction left out and with sufficient variation in the bindings to present an inviting appearance on the shelves, would lead, I believe, to a very much more general reading of Scott.

"Conan Doyle's "Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," "The refugees," "The white company," "Micah Clarke," and "The sign of the four" will need no urging, nor will Dumas' "Count of Monte Cristo," "The three guardsmen" and "The black tulip;" "Les misérables" and "The mill on the Floss" will fully satisfy the demand for "great troubles" treated in a masterly fashion. We should include Thackeray's "Henry Esmond," "The Newcomes" and "The Virginians;" Bulwer's "Last days of Pompeii," "Harold," "Rienzi" and "The last of the barons;" Charles Kingsley's "Westward ho!" "Hereward the Wake" and "Hypatia;" Charles Reade's "Cloister and the hearth," "Peg Woffington," "Foul play" and "Put yourself in his place;" Besant's "All sorts and conditions of men" and "The children of Gibbon;" Wilkie Collins' "The moonstone" and "The woman in white;" as many of Robert Louis Stevenson's stories as will be read; "Cranford" and "The Vicar of Wakefield" with Hugh Thomson's illustrations; Miss Mulock's "John Halifax," "A noble life," "A brave lady" and "A life for a life;" Lever's "Charles O'Malley" and "Harry Lorrequer;" Lew Wallace's "Ben Hur" and "The fair god;" Stockton's "Rudder Grange," "The casting away of M.s. Lecks and Mrs. Aleshine" and "The adventures of Captain Horn;" Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom's cabin" and "Oldtown folk;" Howells' "Lady of the Aroostook," "A chance acquaintance," "The quality of mercy" and "The rise of Silas Lapham;" Gilbert Parker's "Seats of the mighty" and "When Valmond came to Pontiac;" Paul Leicester Ford's "The honorable Peter Stirling;" Richard Harding Davis' "Van Bibber," "Gallegher," "Soldiers of fortune" and "The barminster;" Rider Haggard's "King Solomon's mines" and "Allan Quartermain;" Weir Mitchell's "Hugh Wynne;" Marion Crawford's "Marietta," Marzio's "Crucifix" and "Arethusa;" Kipling's "The day's work," "Kim" and "Many inventions," and, if they have been removed as juvenile titles, I

think we should restore "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" under the head of adult fiction.

"The only thoroughly successful means of securing respect and good care of library books is for libraries to maintain higher standards of excellence in respect to intelligent repairing and binding, to discard promptly a book which is to any extent mutilated, or which is so soiled as to make it seem unwarrantable to ask a boy to wash his hands before touching it. The books on the circulating shelves should be the most attractive part of a children's room. That it is possible to make and keep them so is not a theory but a demonstrable fact. Three years ago a branch library was opened in one of the poor districts of a large city. The usual problems in the discipline of individuals and of gangs were present. Many of the new books were soiled, others were mutilated, and several were missing at inventory taking. The librarian believed the moral lesson conveyed to children by training them to take care of library books to be one of the first requirements of good citizenship. She determined that no boy or girl should be able to say, "I took it that way," in returning a soiled or mutilated book. In order to carry out her ideas to a successful issue, it has been necessary for her to inspire her entire staff with the sense of the value of such training and to impress upon them that careful handling of books by library assistants is the first requisite to securing like care on the part of the children. Every book is examined at the time it is returned, and before it is placed on the shelves it is given such repair as it may need. By careful washing, skillful varnishing and by the use of a preparation for removing grease spots many books are given an extended term of service without lowering the standards established. Paper covers are provided as wrappers on rainy days and on sticky days. Such care of books requires time and sustained interest, but I believe that it pays in the immediate as well as in the future results. When grown into men and women, the boys and girls who were taught this first lesson in citizenship will look back upon it with feelings of respect and satisfaction."

The discussion was opened by Mrs. John E. Bell, of Minneapolis, who spoke on the

selection of books and the value of a small home library rather than the unrestricted use of the large public library. She also dwelt upon the wholesome influence of fines as tending to the development of responsibility.

After a short recess, Prof. Graham Taylor, of Chicago Commons, continued the discussion on the same subject. He said in part:

"The child is coming to be as much of a civic problem as it ever has been a family problem. Upon the normality of its children the strength and perpetuity of the state depend, as surely as the dependency and delinquency of its children undermine the prowess and menace the life of the state. The education and discipline, labor and recreation of the child figure larger all the while in our legislation and taxes, our thinking and literature.

"Equally with the schools and playgrounds our library centers are essential to American democracy. All three are to be classed together as our most democratic and efficient agencies for training our people into their citizenship and assimilating them into the American body-politic. Nowhere are we on a more common footing of an equality of opportunity than in the public school, the public playground and the public library.

"The public school stands upon that bit of mother earth which belongs equally to us all. The playground is open alike to all comers. And the public library is not only as free and open to all as to any of our whole people, but also confers citizenship in that time-long, world-wide democracy of the Republic of Letters.

"The civic service thus democratically to be rendered by library work with children is indispensably valuable. It may be made more and more invaluable to any community by intelligent insight into the needs of the people and the practical and prompt application of library resources, which are limited only by our capacity, enterprise and energy to develop and apply them."

At the second session, held Friday evening, Mr. Legler gave an illustrated lecture on "A bundle of old children's books," tracing the history of children's literature from the early "horn-books" and "chap-books" down to the present-day product. He maintained that beautiful books are the heritage

of children, and every child, no matter what its surroundings, is entitled to good, beautiful and wholesome books. It is the duty of the community, through their libraries, to put into the hands of the children the best that can be had. Among the best illustrators of children's books, he named Boutet de Monvel, as typical of the best French productions; Kate Greenaway, Randolph Caldecott and Walter Crane in England, while in our own country, Palmer Cox, with his famous Brownie pictures, has established a unique place, and a group of artists including Jessie Wilcox Smith, Elizabeth Shippen Green and Maxfield Parrish have set a new standard in delineation of child-life, although their work perhaps appeals more to grown-ups than to children.

Miss Isabel Lawrence, of the St. Cloud Normal School, read a paper on "The service of folk-lore to education." Miss Lawrence is well known to all Minnesota librarians, who are proud to have our state so ably represented on the program. Her line of thought was as follows:

The chief value of folk-lore in education lies in its power to develop the child's soul. It is the key to all higher art;—literature, music, painting. It trains the ear, cultivates musical speech and improves style. Its efficiency springs from its strong hold on children's interests. For the finest results, folk-lore must be carefully selected and presented with skill.

Catalog Section.

Two sessions of the Catalog Section were held, one devoted to the interests of large libraries, and the other to those of small libraries. At the latter meeting Miss Alice S. Tyler, secretary of the Iowa Library Commission, led a discussion on "The commission and the catalog." She stated that in very small libraries, meaning libraries of 2,000 v. or under, a card catalog was not a necessity. If the librarian knows her books, an author and title catalog is sufficient, and the time spent in cataloging could well be devoted to more important matters. The futility of starting a catalog when there is no skilled assistant to carry it on has been proved in the experience of all Commission workers. A large number of librarians took

part in the discussion, in which various ways of simplifying work were suggested, and the use of Library of Congress cards in the small library was discussed.

Mr. Wilson then read an interesting paper, describing at length his plans for a printed catalog to take the place of the card catalog.

Trustees' Section.

At the meeting of the Trustees' Section held on Wednesday evening, Mr. Jacob Stone, of the Minneapolis Library Board, read a paper on "Library buildings and their uses," treating of the architecture of buildings and the arrangement of the several rooms and apartments, and incidentally treating of the desirability of newspaper rooms and the advisability of open shelves. An interesting discussion followed on the latter question, and Mr. Dawley, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, told of their recent experience in erecting a \$75,000 building. The librarian planned the interior, working with the architect, and the result was most satisfactory.

College and Reference Section.

The College and Reference section held two sessions, at which able papers were presented by Dr. E. C. Richardson of Princeton University, on "Open shelves for university libraries;" by Mr. W. W. Bishop of the Library of Congress on "Amount of help to be given to readers;" by F. L. Tolman of the N. Y. State Library, on "The reference problems of the State Library;" by W. Dawson Johnston, U. S. Bureau of Education library, on "The library of the U. S. Bureau of Education and normal school libraries," and discussions of various college library problems by the librarians of the Universities of Maine, Michigan, Illinois, California and Harvard.

League of Library Commissions.

There are affiliated with the A. L. A. several national organizations of kindred purpose, which maintain independent organizations but meet annually at the time and place of the A. L. A. These are the National Association of State Libraries, American Association of Law Libraries, Bibliographical Society, Mississippi Valley Historical Society, and League of Library Commissions. While the meetings of most of these organizations are of interest only

to the specialist, those of the League of Library Commissions are of general interest, and are always largely attended. The first session of the League was devoted to a round-table on traveling libraries, when Miss L. E. Stearns of Wisconsin led the discussion on the Choice of the local librarian, location of the library, and means of maintaining interest in traveling libraries, and Miss Margaret W. Brown presented a new plan for uniform traveling library statistics. At the second session, Miss Ahern of *Public Libraries* spoke on "Library Institutes," and Miss Tyler of Iowa presented the report of the Committee appointed to investigate Commission work in State Institutions. At the final session of the League, Miss Josephine Rathbone, of Pratt Institute, opened the discussion on Library institutes, with an account of the plan which has been carried out by the N. Y. Library Association in co-operation with the State department of library extension.

Miss Mary F. Isom, of Portland, Oregon, read a paper prepared by Miss Cornelia Marvin, of the Oregon Commission, on "Library Commissions and Rural schools," and Miss Clara F. Baldwin, of the Minnesota Commission, opened the discussion on the "Large school library open to the public."

Wisconsin Library Association.

Minnesota was also honored by having the 1908 meeting of the Wisconsin Library Association within her borders. This was held on the afternoon of Monday in the auditorium, and the program attracted a large audience in addition to the Wisconsin delegates. Miss Lucy L. Pleasants read a paper on "The author from the librarian's point of view," and an amusing letter on "The library from the author's point of view," by Mrs. Myrtle Reed McCullough (author of "Lavender and old lace"), was read in her absence by Miss L. E. Stearns. Dr. Shailer Mathews, editor of *The World To-day*, then gave a most interesting address on "The making of public opinion."

In the evening a dinner was given at Glen Morris Inn, and in spite of rain, which increased the difficulties of transportation, there were 90 present, and the gathering was a most informal and pleasant one.

Social Events.

On Tuesday evening the Commercial Club of Minneapolis gave a dinner in Minneapolis to the members of the A. L. A., followed by a public meeting in the Unitarian church. In the absence of Governor Johnson, an address of welcome was delivered by Mayor J. C. Haynes, followed by brief addresses from Rev. M. D. Shutter and Mr. T. B. Walker, president of the Minneapolis Library Board, with a response from President Bostwick. Through the courtesy of the Woman's Club of Minneapolis a garden party was given at Ferndale on Wednesday afternoon. A steamer was provided to take the guests across the lake, and the ideal weather contributed much to a delightful afternoon. Thursday was Twin City day, and again fortune favored us with a perfect day. Leaving Minnetonka by trolley at 9 o'clock, the guests were divided into two parties, one group going on to St. Paul by trolley, and spending the morning at the capitol and the library, while the others were taken in automobiles from Lake Harriet over the boulevard drives to St. Paul, visiting Minnehaha Falls and Fort Snelling on the way. All arrived in St. Paul in time for luncheon, which was served on the stage of the auditorium. The St. Paul Library Board had spared no pains to make the entertainment a success; music was furnished by members of the Symphony Orchestra, and every one was enthusiastic over the wonderful room, which presented a brilliant scene, with 600 guests seated at the beautifully decorated tables. After listening to entertaining speeches by Mayor Lawler and President Bostwick, the return trip was made, those going by automobile in the afternoon, who had come by trolley in the morning.

On Friday night, a reception and dance was given at the beautiful Lafayette Club across the lake from Tonka Bay. In spite of threatening weather, and a number of section meetings, a goodly number of the more frivolous members were present.

Reunions with dinners or luncheons were held by the various Library Schools throughout the week, and the council dinner was given at Glen Morris Inn on Wednesday evening.

Post Conference Trip.

About fifty joined the post-conference party under the care of Mr. Faxon for the trip to Duluth, the copper country, and the Great Lakes. The party went to Duluth on Saturday afternoon, thence by special train on Sunday to Eveleth, where the Fayal, Adams and Spruce mines were visited. Our Eastern friends seemed to be properly impressed with the wonders and interest of our mining range. The following morning the librarians, as guests of the Commercial Club, were treated to a drive around the boulevards of Duluth, and in the afternoon, as guests of the Duluth Library Board, made a tour of the city in chartered cars, visiting *en route* the state art exhibit at the Y. M. C. A. The party were all enthusiastic in praise of the attractive library of Duluth, and especially of the hospitality of Miss Poirier and her assistants. They left the same afternoon for Houghton and Calumet, where the famous copper mines were visited. From Houghton, the Steamer Northwest was boarded, which bore the eastern delegates as far as Buffalo, while others left at Mackinac for Chicago and Milwaukee.

Attendance Register from Minnesota.

Askeland, Halvor, Ln., Branch B, Minneapolis.
Axtell, Frederick G., Ln. Macalester College, St. Paul.
Ayers, Mary F., Asst., P. L., Minneapolis.
Baldwin, Clara F., Sec., Library Commission, St. Paul.
Bartleson, Mabel, Children's Ln. P. L., Minneapolis.
Beals, Mrs. K. M., Ref. Ln., P. L., St. Paul.
Bell, John E., Director Athenaeum Lib., Minneapolis.
Bell, Mrs. John E., Minneapolis.
Bird, Minnie, Ln. P. L., Fairmont.
Brack, Edna M., Asst., P. L., St. Paul.
Brick, Mrs. Marie E., Ln. P. L., St. Cloud.
Bronson, Mrs. William G. Jr., Stillwater.
Brooks, May, Asst. U. of M. Lib., Minneapolis.
Buell, Myra, Asst., P. L., St. Paul.
Campbell, Gertrude, Ln. Normal School, St. Cloud.
Carson, Helen, Asst. U. of M. Lib., Minneapolis.
Chamberlain, F. A., Director Athenaeum Lib., Minneapolis.

Chandler, Mrs. Libbie G., Director P. L., Janesville.
Chapin, Blanche I., St. Paul.
Chapin, Sarah D., St. Paul.
Cloud, Josephine, Supt. of Circulation, P. L. Minneapolis.
Clute, Elizabeth W., Supt. of Circulation, P. L., St. Paul.
Conner, Elizabeth, Ln. P. L., Redwood Falls.
Conrad, Mrs. W. S., Director, P. L., Stillwater.
Converse, Mrs. T. R., Director, P. L., Stillwater.
Cook, Lillian E., Northome.
Corteau, Stella, Asst., P. L., St. Paul.
Countryman, Gratia A., Ln. P. L., Minneapolis.
Crafts, Lettie M., Sec., L. Bd. & Asst. Ln. U. of M. Lib., Minneapolis.
Cummings, Alta, Ln. P. L., Blue Earth.
Davis, Miriam M., Ref. Ln., P. L., Minneapolis.
Dawson, Jennie, Asst. U. of M. Lib., Minneapolis.
Delaney, Alice E., Ln. Branch E., Minneapolis.
Dennis, Elizabeth, Children's Ln., P. L., St. Paul.
Dinsmore, Lucy A., Ln., Branch A, Minneapolis.
Doster, J. B., Sec. H. W. Wilson Co., Minneapolis.
Dow, J. J., Supt. School for Blind, Faribault.
Drew, Mrs. Kate, Asst. P. L., St. Paul.
Dunlap, Mrs. Rose Barteau, Lit. Asst., Minn. Hist. Soc., St. Paul.
Earhart, Frances E., Asst. P. L., Duluth.
Eggleston, Walter, Director, Athenaeum Lib., Minneapolis.
Emerick, Edna, Asst. P. L., Rochester.
Fanning, Clara E., Ed. Book Review Digest, Minneapolis.
Farr, Alice N., Ln. Normal School, Mankato.
Fernald, Louise M., Ln. P. L., Rochester.
Field, Pauline, Ref. Asst., P. L., Minneapolis.
Firkins, Ina, Asst. U. of M. Lib., Minneapolis.
Fleming, Mrs. J. R., Head Cataloger, P. L., St. Paul.
Gale, Edward C., Director, Athenaeum Lib., Minneapolis.
Gaylord, Alice, Asst. P. L., Duluth.
Gerould, James Thayer, Ln. U. of M. Lib., Minneapolis.

Gilbert, Lucy, Attendant, Picture Gallery, P. L., Minneapolis.
 Gilson, Mrs. M. I., Ln. P. L., Pipestone.
 Gladstone, Eleanor J., Ln. Carleton College, Northfield.
 Goit, Alice M., Gladstone.
 Goodenow, Mrs. L. C., Ln. St. Bd. of Visitors, St. Paul.
 Grant, Mary, Ln., Normal School, Winona.
 Greene, Katherine, Asst., State Lib., St. Paul.
 Gregg, Nellie, Ln. P. L., Northfield.
 Guthrie, Anna L., Ed. "Readers' Guide," Minneapolis.
 Hall, Jennie, Asst. Library Commission, St. Paul.
 Hanson, Stella E., Asst. P. L., Mankato.
 Hawley, Elizabeth, Asst. U. of M. Lib., Minneapolis.
 Hawley, Emma A., Classifier, Minn. Hist. Soc., St. Paul.
 Heiberg, Kr., Head Period. & Pub. Doc. Dept. P. L., Minneapolis.
 Hess, Julia, Asst. Cataloger, P. L., St. Paul.
 Hodnefield, Jacob, Asst. U. of M. Lib., Minneapolis.
 Hughes, Tessie L., Stenographer, State Lib., St. Paul.
 Ingerson, Martha, Ln., Branch H., Minneapolis.
 Jehle, Clara A., Ln. P. L., Lindstrom.
 Johnson, Alice, Asst. U. of M. Lib., Minneapolis.
 Jones, Charity, Asst. P. L., Duluth.
 Jordan, Lois M., Asst. P. L., Minneapolis.
 Kaiser, Zelma, Asst. P. L., Duluth.
 Kay, Isabel, Registration clerk, P. L., St. Paul.
 King, John E., Ln. State Lib., St. Paul.
 Kingsbury, David L., Asst. Ln. Minn. Hist. Soc., St. Paul.
 Lamb, Mrs. Alice A., Ln. P. L., Litchfield.
 Lathrop, Mary E., Asst., P. L., Minneapolis.
 Lavell, Richard, Head Branch Dept. P. L., Minneapolis.
 Lien, E. J., Asst. Ln., State Lib., St. Paul.
 Little, Jessie, Asst., P. L., Northfield.
 Lowe, Miss Harriet Louise, Ln., P. L., Cloquet.
 McCaine, Mrs. Helen J., Ln. P. L., St. Paul.
 McCarthy, Nath., Bookseller, Minneapolis.
 McCarthy, Mrs. N., Minneapolis.
 McKown, Blanche, Supt. Reading Room, P. L., St. Paul.
 McLean, Harry M., Newspaper Dept., Minn. Hist. Soc., St. Paul.

McPherson, Mrs. G. B., Ln. P. L., Stillwater.
 Martin, Arabel, Ln., P. L., Red Wing.
 Marvin, Hattie E., Ln., P. L., Zumbrota.
 Moyer, L. R., Director, P. L., Montevideo.
 Nicholson, J. N., Director, P. L., Blue Earth.
 Nilsson, Emma, Ln., Branch D., Minneapolis.
 O'Brien, Anna, Ln., P. L., Graceville.
 Olds, Robert E., Director, P. L., St. Paul.
 Owens, Belle, Asst., P. L., St. Paul.
 Palmer, Margaret, Ln., P. L., Hibbing.
 Parker, Wm. A., St. Paul Book & Sta. Co., St. Paul.
 Patten, Katherine, Athenaeum Asst. Ln. P. L., Minneapolis.
 Peterson, Rhoda, Asst. Ln., P. L., St. Peter.
 Phelps, Edith M., Ed. Daily Cumulative, Minneapolis.
 Plumb, Elizabeth, Ln. P. L., Owatonna.
 Potter, Marion E., Ed. Cumulative Book Index, Minneapolis.
 Rahn, Lucy, Asst. P. L., St. Paul.
 Reed, Mrs. F. W., Head Cataloging Dept., Minneapolis.
 Robinson, Maude E., Asst. Library Commission, St. Paul.
 Rosholt, Ruth, Asst. P. L., Minneapolis.
 Seeley, Blanche, Ln. Branch C., P. L., Minneapolis.
 Shattuck, Helen B., Head Cataloger, U. of M. Lib., Minneapolis.
 Simmons, Ethel, Minneapolis.
 Smart, Ruth A., St. Paul.
 Smith, C. Willard, West Pub. Co., St. Paul.
 Smith, Helen, Asst. U. of M. Lib., Minneapolis.
 Smith, Maud, Asst. Cataloger, P. L., St. Paul.
 Snow, Mrs. A. H., Director, P. L., Winona.
 Spear, Lois M., Asst. P. L., Minneapolis.
 Spooner, Mrs. L. C., Director, P. L., Morris.
 Steele, Katherine D., Asst. P. L., Red Wing.
 Stevens, Eva G., Ln. P. L., Spring Valley.
 Stewart, Mrs. Mary L., Director, P. L., St. Cloud.
 Stone, Jacob, Director, P. L., Minneapolis.
 Stinchfield, Nellie M., Rochester.
 Tanner, Cora, Ln. P. L., Little Falls.
 Thorn, M. E. Tilley, Asst. P. L., Duluth.
 Todd, Marie A., Art Reference Ln., P. L., Minneapolis.
 Torpey, Agnes, Director, P. L., Morris.
 Tyler, Marian, Ln. P. L., St. Peter.
 Upham, Warren, Sec. & Ln., Minn. Hist. Soc., St. Paul.
 Van Buren, Maud, Ln. P. L., Mankato.

Vose, Annie E., Cataloger, Minn. Hist. Soc., St. Paul.

Vose, Emma E., Asst. Minn. Hist. Soc., St. Paul.

Wakefield, Marjorie, Ln., P. L., Hutchinson. Walker, T. B., Pres. P. L. Board, Minneapolis.

Webb, Benjamin, Director, Athenaeum Lib., Minneapolis.

Webb, Mrs. Margaret E., Ln. P. L., Montevideo.

Wilde, Mary P., Winona.

Williams, H. O., Lib. Binder, St. Paul.

Williams, Mary, Asst., Pub. Lib., Minneapolis.

Wilson, H. W., Publisher, H. W. Wilson Co., Minneapolis.

Wilson, Mrs. H. W., Ed. "Book Review Digest," Minneapolis.

Wilson, Martha, Asst., Minn. Library Commission, St. Paul.

Wood, Annie A., Asst. Cataloger, P. L., St. Paul.

Young, E. A., Pres. P. L. Board, St. Paul.

MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The 16th annual meeting of the Minnesota Library Association was called to order by President Upham, Tuesday, June 23rd, at 2:00 P. M. in the parlor of the Tonka Bay Hotel. About thirty-five members were present. The president stated that the Executive Committee deemed it wisest to have no formal meeting with a program this year because of the A. L. A. Conference. He asked the Association to express their opinion in the matter. Mr. Nicholson moved that the Minnesota Library Association have no further session during 1908, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Upon motion of Miss Poirier, it was voted that in the absence of a formal meeting the present officers shall hold over for another year.

Mr. Nicholson moved that the Constitution and by-laws be so amended that all acts in reference to the trustees' section as a separate section be struck out and that the trustees be given merely a special place on the program.

An invitation was extended to the association by Miss Poirier to hold its next meeting in Duluth. It was voted to leave

the decision as to the place of next meeting to the Executive Committee, after which the meeting adjourned.

SUMMER SCHOOL, 1908.

The Summer School of 1908 opened on Monday, June 29th, immediately following the A. L. A. meeting. Attendance at this meeting was considered a part of the course, taking the place of special lectures, so that the regular work of the school occupied but five weeks.

The course was under the direction of the secretary of the Commission, who gave the instruction in classification and subject-cataloging and conducted round-table discussions on the A. L. A. meeting, administration, library house-keeping and library extension. Miss Martha Wilson, of the Commission, gave the instruction in cataloging, including fourteen lessons in elementary cataloging with practice work on books which would be found in the average small library. Miss Wilson also gave six lectures on reference books, with practical problems designed to give acquaintance with the most indispensable reference books.

The important subject of book-selection was treated by Miss Maud van Buren, Librarian, Mankato Public Library, and included discussion of principles of book-selection, aids in book-selection, trade catalogs and bibliographies, editions and publishers, with study of children's books, using the model library which the Commission is gradually accumulating for this purpose. Special attention was given the matter of well-printed, attractive editions and ways and means of bringing the best books into the hands of the people—briefly, of keeping the standard high. Economy in buying was also emphasized, illustrated by practice in the checking of second-hand catalogs.

Miss Cheney's talk on the principles of lettering as applied to the making of signs, labels and bulletins demonstrated the usefulness of some knowledge of this handicraft.

Of the public lectures given to the University Summer School, those by Mrs. Potter on English poets, the series by Dr. Sprague on Great prophets of the 19th century, and Dr. Folwell's notes on Early

pages of Minnesota history were especially interesting to the library class.

The required visits to libraries, binderies, and other places of interest to librarians were occasions of pleasure as well as profit. The first of these was the annual excursion to Stillwater and Hudson on July 11th. A refreshing trolley ride of thirty miles across country brought the class to the Stillwater library, where they were received by Mrs. McPherson with her usual charming hospitality. The morning was spent in the library absorbing many excellent suggestions, while a few more venturesome spirits visited the state prison as well. Mrs. McPherson entertained her guests at dinner at the hotel and then the party started for Hudson in a launch which had been chartered for the afternoon. In spite of some misgivings caused by the hesitating nature of the engine, the ride on the river was greatly enjoyed. At Hudson the same spirit of cordial welcome was shown by Miss Shoemaker and her assistants. The library was decorated with nasturtiums of every known color, most harmoniously arranged, and the reference alcove proved a charming corner for dispensing ice-cream and cake.

July 25th was given to the libraries of St. Paul. At the public library the new children's room was specially enjoyed, and the sherbet served in Mrs. McCaine's office was a pleasant and much appreciated surprise. At the Capitol, brief visits were paid to the State Library and the Historical Society, where Mr. Upham explained the work of the society and outlined the scope of the collections, after which the class adjourned to the Capitol café for luncheon. The Commission office was informally inspected and the capitol itself was enjoyed for the first time by some members of the class.

The usual visit to the Gerber Bindery, Minneapolis, was made on the afternoon of July 15th, where all the processes of binding a book, from folding the sheets to lettering the back, were clearly demonstrated. Adjournalment was then taken to the Handicraft Guild. After refreshments in the tea room, a delightful hour was spent in the book shop of Mr. Edmund D. Brooks. The class will long remember the charming courtesy shown them by Mr. Arthur Upson, our lamented Minnesota poet, who took down volume after volume of choicest treasures

in rare editions and beautiful bindings, with entertaining comments on their history.

Another afternoon was spent in the Minneapolis Public Library, where Miss Countryman personally conducted the students through all the departments. The Pillsbury Branch was visited individually by each student at her convenience.

The Delta Gamma house was headquarters for the library students, nearly all of the class living in the house or in close proximity. A number of informal gatherings and outings served to promote acquaintance and develop a strong class spirit.

The following students were registered:

- Mrs. Laura A. Bassett, Librarian, P. L., Valley City, N. D.
- Mrs. David Brown, Librarian, P. L., Jackson, Minn.
- Mrs. M. I. Gilson, Librarian, P. L., Pipestone, Minn.
- Miss Nellie B. Gregg, Librarian, P. L., Northfield, Minn.
- Miss Hattie E. Marvin, Librarian, P. L., Zumbrota, Minn.
- Miss Rhoda Peterson, Librarian, P. L., St. Peter, Minn.
- Miss Esther Reb, Librarian, P. L. Mapleton, Minn.
- Miss Margaret Ringier, Librarian, P. L., Quincy, Ill.
- Miss Mabel Robords, Asst. Librarian, P. L., Springfield, Mo.
- Miss Ruth Steadman, Librarian, P. L., Livingston, Mont.
- Miss Eva G. Stevens, Librarian, P. L., Spring Valley, Minn.

POTTERY EXHIBIT.

A collection of American pottery will be on exhibition at the Mankato Public Library during the month of October. It will include examples from the Van Briggie, Rookwood, Newcomb, Pauline, Grueby, Dedham and Teco potteries. Other libraries in the state may obtain the exhibit by paying transportation charges, which are, of course, rather heavy. The collection is one of unusual interest, and any library which has a safe and suitable place for displaying it would do well to take advantage of the opportunity. Full information may be obtained by addressing Miss Maud van Buren, Librarian, Mankato, Minn.

RECENT LIBRARY LITERATURE.

Magazines for the Small Library. A reprint of an article on Magazines for the small library by Katherine I. MacDonald, formerly editor of the A. L. A. book-list, which first appeared in the Wisconsin Library Bulletin, January-February 1908, has been published by the League of Library Commissions. It contains a list of 52 magazines, with excellent annotations giving the comparative value and special features of the various periodicals, with suggestions for first purchase. There are also some useful notes regarding bound periodicals and magazine indexes. Librarians and members of book committees will find this pamphlet very useful in revising their subscription list for the coming year. A copy is sent to each library with this number of the bulletin, and additional copies may be obtained of the Commission on request.

Eclectic Library Catalog. The H. W. Wilson Co. published in July the first number of the Eclectic Library Catalog, an index to twenty magazines and to the recent government publications. This is issued in response to requests from small libraries for a smaller and less expensive index to periodicals than the Readers' Guide. The present plan contemplates a quarterly publication, each number to be fully cumulated so that only one number need be consulted at any time during the year; the last number will constitute the annual. The price of this indispensable tool will bring it within the reach of even the smallest library. Write to the H. W. Wilson Co., Minneapolis, or to the Commission for special rates.

Fiction Catalog. A selected list of fiction, published by the H. W. Wilson Co., marks the initial step in carrying out the plan of making coöperatively printed catalogs that was outlined before the American Library Association last June.

The selection has been based upon the following lists of fiction: A Thousand of the best novels, compiled by the Newark Public Library; A. L. A. catalog and Book-list; Suggestive list of books for a small library and the annual lists of Best books, issued by the N. Y. State Library, 1896-1906.

From this list small libraries may check their fiction titles, and have their catalogs made up from slugs kept at headquarters.

While the printed catalog is not a necessity in a small library, and indeed is usually felt to be a needless extravagance, the demand for printed lists is often strongly felt, and it is hoped that Mr. Wilson's plan may solve the problem by furnishing well-edited lists at a reasonable expense.

Small Library Buildings. A collection of plans contributed by the League of Library Commissions, with introduction and notes by Cornelia Marvin, Secretary of the Oregon Library Commission, is published by the A. L. A. Publishing Board. This will be an invaluable aid to all library boards which are considering plans, the introductory material being of special value. The Commission will furnish copies on request.

Library Discipline. In March, 1908, a list of questions concerning the problem of discipline in the library was sent out to 125 librarians by the Wisconsin Free Library Commission. The answers to these questions compiled by Mary Emogene Hazeltine and Harriet Price Sawyer are published in the Wisconsin Library Bulletin, July-August, 1908, and show a most interesting variety of experiences and conditions. The Minnesota Commission has obtained a number of extra copies of the bulletin, which will be sent upon request to any librarian who is interested in the problem.

Minnesota State Library. Bulletin No. 1, List of legal periodicals in the State Library, compiled by John E. King, State Librarian, was published in July 1908, and comprises a complete list of 167 periodicals on file in the library, giving number of volumes and inclusive dates.

AIDS IN CHILDREN'S WORK.

Brooklyn Public Library. The child's own library; a guide to parents, compiled by Clara W. Hunt, Superintendent of the children's department of the Brooklyn Public Library.

A carefully selected list of sixty titles, which will be of much service to the librarian who is called upon to recommend books suitable for Christmas gifts. Single numbers will be supplied without charge upon application to the library as long as the supply lasts.

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Catalog of books for the use of the first eight grades in the Pittsburgh schools. 50c.

A well-chosen list, with excellent annotations, which will be helpful in preparing graded lists for the use of teachers.

Cleveland Public Library. The work of the Cleveland Public Library with the children and the means used to reach them, published for the information of the citizens of Cleveland and the members of the N. E. A.

A very attractive pamphlet, illustrated with cuts of the children's rooms in the various branches and including the work of the home libraries, story-hour, and reading circles.

Detroit Public Library. Children's catalog; compiled by Mary Conover. 25c.

Arranged by authors, titles and subjects, supplemented by good lists of selected and classified stories, such as Books to read to little children, Boy's school and college stories, Sea stories, etc.

Duluth Normal School. Miss Ruth Ely, Librarian of the Duluth Normal School, has compiled an excellent "Graded list of books for the school library," which is published in the Bulletin of the School for August, 1908. Price, 15 cents.

Indiana Library Commission. Graded list of stories for reading aloud, compiled by Miss Harriet E. Hassler.

Prepared to answer the increasing calls on library workers for "a good story to read to my school."

The Minnesota Commission has obtained a number of copies for distribution which will be sent upon request to any library in the state.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT.

It is a well recognized fact that it is the duty of every library to interest itself (so far as time and means will permit) in organized efforts for social and civic betterment. In this connection, attention is called to the valuable literature issued by the American Civic Association. An annual membership of \$3.00 entitles one to all the publications of the association, or the literature may be obtained in pamphlet form as listed below.

The following publications would be of interest in most small towns:

Children's gardens	\$.10
Good roads25
House beautiful and its relation to the city beautiful25

Mosquitoes and how to abate them..	.10
Railroad improvements25
School gardens25
Suggestions for beautifying home, village and roadway25

Address American Civic Association, 703 North American Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

MINNESOTA PLANT STUDIES.

A pamphlet entitled "Guide to the spring flowers," to be followed shortly by "Guide to the trees and shrubs," has recently been issued by the Department of Botany of the University of Minnesota. These will be sent free to any library in the state desiring them. Previous publications issued by this department, which should be in every library, are Minnesota plant life, by Prof. Conway Macmillan and Minnesota plant diseases, by Prof. E. M. Freeman. Your library will be placed on the regular mailing list by applying to Prof. F. E. Clements, State Botanist, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

THE GOSPEL OF WORK.

In the inspiring life of Alice Freeman Palmer, her gospel of work as set forth by her husband explains her marvellous capacity for accomplishing results, and may be profitably studied by all workers whether of large or small responsibility. "She seldom hurried, never worried, admitted no regrets for the past or anxieties for the future. Drudgery she abhorred, and consequently avoided too great single continuity on the one hand, and disjointed fragmentariness on the other. From these insidious dangers she was saved by habits of concentrated attention, by the deep interest she took in all she did, by such perception of its human bearings that no part of it became mechanical, by quick separation of the important and unimportant, by perpetual humor, and steady enthusiasm—the whole supplemented by a kind of natural vagrancy. She dropped work as easily as she took it up, and never acquired the fatal inability to stop. It was the whole-hearted character of that work which kept it sane and safe. Joy is protective. Where soul, mind, and strength are all engaged together, invigoration usually follows. It is the divided nature which lacerates; the

hands in one place, the heart in another. Putting herself fully into her work, and freeing it from frictions, she made an amount that was appalling to others really beneficial."

CLUB LIBRARIES.

The work of the Commission for study clubs has steadily increased since 1901, when three club libraries were donated by the New Century Club of St. Paul and five others by the Minneapolis Journal, Minneapolis Women's Council, Minneapolis D. A. R. and Winona Art Club.

For the year 1908-09, 50 collections of books varying in number and aggregating 1390 v. have been loaned. As the work has developed, the fixed group plan has been abandoned, and an open-shelf collection has grown, from which libraries are made up to suit the needs of each individual club. A large proportion of the libraries this year have been loaned through the local public library, and it is desirable that this should be the case wherever a public library exists. It is the aim of the Commission to supplement the inadequate resources of the small libraries, and for this reason asks the co-operation of librarians. Let us know what subjects your clubs are studying, and if there are calls from High School students or others for material on special subjects which your library cannot supply, apply to the Commission for help.

A goodly number of books are still available on the following subjects:

- China.
- Egypt.
- English history.
- English literature.
- English literature, Shakespeare:
 - Midsummer night's dream,
 - Taming of the shrew, Macbeth,
 - King Henry IV, Merry wives of Windsor, Twelfth night.
- Home science.
- Russia.
- United States History—American Revolution.

FOREIGN BOOKS.

In almost every town in Minnesota there is a goodly proportion of residents of foreign birth, many of whom cannot read the

English language readily enough to enjoy its literature. Very few of our public libraries have a book fund sufficient to meet the demand for foreign books and if a small collection is purchased the books are soon read and stand idle on the shelves. As the traveling library aims to supplement the work of the public library whenever there is need, the traveling library of foreign books has been provided. Even as large a library as Duluth has recently borrowed from this collection as an experiment, with a view to purchasing a permanent collection of their own if the demand warrants it. One librarian in the state recently wrote that the pleasure and evident emotion of some of her patrons when the Swedish traveling library came had given her more satisfaction than anything she had ever done in the library.

Books may be obtained in Norwegian, Swedish, German, French and Finnish, and are loaned in collections of 25 volumes to public libraries or to traveling library stations for a fee of one dollar, which covers transportation. Groups of six volumes each are sent with the regular traveling library without extra charge.

BOOKS FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

GLENWOD PUBLIC LIBRARY, F. Calmeyer.
Brown—Life of Holmes.
Kennedy—Life of Longfellow.
———Life of Whittier.
Mathews—Words, their use and abuse.

NORTHFIELD, CARLETON COLLEGE,
Miss Jessie Little, Acting Librarian.
Mommson—History of Rome.

PRESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, Florence Kiehle
Cook—America Picturesque and descriptive, 3v.
Cooper—Deerslayer.
Doyle—Sign of the four.
Gaskell—Cranford.
Halevy—Abbe Constantine.
Hawthorne—House of seven gables.
Hines—Wild life in Oregon.
Holland—Barbadoes girl.
Macaulay—History of England, 5 v.
Peck—Alabama sketches.
Prairie boys.
Scott—Guy Mannering.
Stevenson—Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

PERSONAL.

Miss Margaret J. Evans, Chairman of the Minnesota Library Commission, has resigned her position as preceptress of Carleton College, and will retire from teaching, so that she may devote her time to other interests. She sailed for Europe this fall, to remain until June, when she will take up her residence in her own home at Northfield.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Commission held May 4, 1908, Mrs. Karen M. Jacobson, who has been librarian of the Commission in charge of the Traveling Libraries for three years, resigned her position. The resignation was accepted by the Commission, and resolutions of regret were adopted, expressing appreciation of her faithful and devoted service to the library interests of the state. Mrs. Jacobson sailed on May 30th for Europe, where she will spend a year in travel and study.

Prof. James T. Gerould, librarian of the State University, went abroad immediately after the A. L. A. meeting and will return about October 10th. While in Europe he will make some purchases of books for the University library.

Miss Eleanor J. Gladstone, Librarian of Carleton College, obtained a scholarship through the British-American Y. W. C. A. of Paris, and has been granted a year's leave of absence to take advantage of this unusual opportunity. Miss Jessie Little will act as librarian during her absence.

Miss Julia Hess, assistant in the cataloging department of the St. Paul Public Library, has obtained a year's leave of absence, and went abroad in August to remain a year.

Miss Elizabeth Clute, Supt. of Circulation, St. Paul Public Library, is spending her vacation in Europe on a three months' leave of absence.

Miss Minnie McGraw, formerly librarian of the Mankato Public Library, was married in July to Mr. Ellis Tyler, and is living near Crookston, Minn.

Miss Josephine Powell, who was librarian of the St. Peter Public Library since its establishment in 1895 until her resignation last winter, was married April 30th to Mr. George C. Butterfield, of Eothen, Wyoming.

Miss Laura E. Colligan, assistant librarian of the Stillwater Public Library, was married on June 1st to Mr. Charles C. Burdick of Jamestown, N. D. Mrs. Burdick has not lost her interest in library work, however, as she has volunteered her services to assist in re-organizing the Jamestown Public Library.

Miss Katherine Steele, who served as librarian of the Red Wing Public Library during the absence of Miss Martin, and Miss Ethel Simmons of Minneapolis, will

represent Minnesota in the Pratt Institute Library Class of 1908-09.

Miss Stella Hanson, who has been assistant librarian of the Mankato Public Library, has entered the Wisconsin Library School at Madison.

Josiah Blodget Chaney, for more than twenty years assistant in charge of the newspaper department of the Minnesota Historical Society, died at the age of eighty years on June 11th. He was born in Maine in 1828 and settled at the village of St. Anthony in Minnesota in 1858. He became a member of the Minnesota Historical Society in 1867 and was held in the highest respect by his associates in that society, which he served faithfully up to the time of his death. Mr. Chaney contributed several valuable papers to the collections of the society. His place in the library has been supplied by the election of Mr. John Talman, who began work October 1st. Mr. Talman is qualified for the position by thirty years' experience in newspaper work in the Twin Cities.

A CORRECTION.

In the Table of Statistics of Public Libraries, printed on page 112 of Library Notes and News, May 1908, the circulation of the St. Paul Public Library was given as 28,054. This should have been 328,054. Apologies are extended to the St. Paul Library, with sincere regret that such an error should have occurred.

NEWS OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES.

Aitkin. In response to a request from the library board, Mr. Carnegie made an offer of \$5,000 for a library building. The council has passed the necessary resolutions, but the site has not yet been selected, although several have been offered to the board without cost. Clarence H. Johnston, of St. Paul, has been chosen as architect, and preliminary sketches for the building have been accepted.

Brainerd. Miss Bess H. Burgoyne has resigned her position as librarian, and Miss Maud Halladay has been elected her successor.

Browns Valley. A library and reading-room has been opened in the rooms over

the post-office. The Ladies Progress Club gave a reading-table, and a number of books and magazines have been donated. The rooms are open two afternoons each week.

Cloquet. The children's room has recently been attractively furnished for their special use. The juvenile books have been placed on low shelves built around the walls. The reading-tables are supplied with the best children's periodicals, and a low table for the little folks is provided with picture books and scrap books. The walls have been decorated with colored prints and a frieze, illustrating Mother Goose rhymes.

Cokato. The village council granted the Cokato Library Association free use of a room in the village hall, also fuel and lights. The library was opened in May with about 200 books on the shelves. The room is open two evenings each week, with Miss Mathilda Johnson as librarian.

Detroit. The library was opened in May with over 500 books on the shelves, and has been well patronized during the summer months. The use of a room in the basement of the Congregational church is given free of charge, and the ladies of the Library Club serve as librarians.

Eveleth. The record of the school library for the past year is an excellent one. There were 441 borrowers, and 5,536 books were loaned during the six library months. In spite of this, many feel that the school library is inadequate to supply the needs of the town, and sentiment for a public library is growing. A number of interested citizens are ready to push the matter during the coming winter.

Fair Haven. A library has been established through the efforts of a few individuals, assisted by gifts from the St. Cloud Reading-Room Society. The books are kept in a general store, in charge of the librarian, Mrs. Hattie Baldwin.

Glenwood. The Carnegie library was formally opened to the public, August 1st. Mayor Johnson presided, and first called upon the secretary of the board for a report on finances. The report showed that the cost of the building completely furnished came within the \$10,000 gift and a balance of over \$500 from taxes was now on hand. Short addresses were made by Rev. G. T. Lee and Rev. W. A. Snow, of the Library Board; G. C. Torguson, county super-

intendent of schools, and W. A. Simonton. Miss Martha Wilson brought greetings from the Library Commission. An orchestra provided music during the evening, and the ladies of the board served frappé.

The building is of New York pressed brick, with cement foundation, and cement block trimmings, with galvanized iron cornice finished in Bedford stone color, and slate roof. The interior is practically one room, with the exception of the librarian's office, which occupies the corner back of the children's reading-room. There is a brick fireplace back of the delivery desk. The shelving is placed around the walls, but there is ample room back of the delivery desk to place floor-cases when they are needed. The furniture and woodwork are all of oak and the walls are painted in warm tan shades, with the ceiling a light yellow. The whole interior is very harmonious and pleasing.

In the basement a room has been furnished for the village council, with a vault for keeping village records. There is also a lecture room, 18x36, which has been rented to the Commercial Club.

The library opens with about 1,200 books, most of which are donations. 319 of these belonged to the former Norden library, which contained beside a number of standard English novels, some of the best Norwegian literature. Mr. Fred Calmeyer, who also holds the office of village recorder, is librarian.

Miss Mary Katherine Ray, Wisconsin Library School, 1908, has organized the library for the Commission.

Hibbing. The library building was opened informally, August 1st. The board were fortunate in securing as librarian, Miss Margaret Palmer, formerly librarian at Rochester, Minn., and afterwards at Superior, Wis., whom Minnesota librarians will be glad to welcome to their ranks again. The work of the reading-room is being specially emphasized at the start, with a generous supply of magazines and papers, including a number in foreign languages, Finnish, Italian, Norwegian and Swedish. The \$3,000 given by the township of Stuntz, as recorded in *Library Notes and News* for May, will all be spent for books, and already there is a goodly array on the shelves. The library will also obtain files of the best magazines for reference, and over 200 volumes

will be donated by the Library Commission for this purpose. The number of young men who are already spending their evenings in the library and expressing their appreciation of this privilege gives large promise of the important part this library will play in the future of the town.

Kenyon. The Round Table Club of Kenyon has maintained a traveling library since 1901. By means of a book-shower, given in October 1907, and subsequent donations and purchases, a permanent library of about 400 volumes has been gathered around the nucleus of the traveling library. This is located in the directors' room of the Citizens' State Bank, the use of which is generously given by the officers.

On April 30th, the secretary of the Commission addressed a meeting of those interested in the library, and at the close of the meeting a library association was organized. The Round Table Club has turned over all its library property to the new association.

Madison. A collection of about 400 Norwegian books has been purchased by private subscription and presented to the Carnegie library. All of the best Norwegian authors are represented, including the complete works of such well-known writers as Björnson, Ibsen, Jonas Lie and Hans Christian Andersen.

Mapleton. The council passed a resolution in May, making an annual levy of \$500 to maintain a public library according to the usual conditions of the Carnegie donation. An excellent site has been purchased, for which \$650 was donated by citizens, \$300 raised by the sale of a building thereon, and \$150 appropriated by the council, the total cost being \$1,100.

Minneapolis. Two new branches have been opened during the summer, and Branch A on the North Side has been entirely rearranged to make better provision for the children. Mr. Lavell, Superintendent of Branches, began in August the publication of the Branch Monthly, for the purpose of keeping the branches and stations in touch with the library news of the month.

A bindery has been installed in the basement of the Central library.

Moorhead. About 350 volumes of fiction and juveniles have been transferred from the school library to the public library.

These include complete sets of many of the standard authors, and other books which can be much more advantageously used at the public library. About 200 volumes of back numbers of magazines have recently been bound, making the reference collection of magazines an unusually strong one for a two-year-old library.

New Richland. The proceeds of a ball game between the married men of New Richland and St. Olaf Lake were devoted to the New Richland Public Library.

Northfield. The town of Northfield is suffering from an embarrassment of riches. After an excellent site for the proposed Carnegie library had been contributed by a number of public-spirited citizens, Mrs. Della M. Scriver offered an equally attractive site, together with the sum of \$1,600 in cash, expressing the hope that the contributors to the fund for the other location would be willing to have the site used for some other purpose. The matter will be submitted to vote at the next election. The council has agreed to make an annual levy of \$1,500, and Mr. Carnegie has been asked to increase his gift in proportion.

Park Rapids. On June 5th, the village council passed a resolution accepting a donation of \$5,000 from Andrew Carnegie on the usual conditions. An excellent site has been chosen, and the board is now considering plans.

Paynesville. Through the efforts of the Commercial Club a library has been organized in Paynesville, starting with the traveling library as a nucleus. The young people's orchestra gave a concert for the benefit of the library, and money has been raised by private subscription. The books are kept in the law-office of Mr. Frank Tolman, the president of the library board, and Rev. T. A. Stafford gives his services as librarian for an hour every Saturday afternoon.

Preston. The public library, which was opened on May 11th, has had a most prosperous summer. The number of books has been increased from 327 to 739, while the interest and the number of borrowers has steadily grown. The library is open on three afternoons and evenings each week, and on Sunday afternoon.

Red Wing. Miss Arabel Martin, who has completed her course at the Pratt Institute Library school, returned to Red Wing in July and has taken up the work of the li-

brary with renewed interest and enthusiasm.

St. Cloud. The Reading-Room Society has given \$100 for four new oak pilasters, to replace the plaster ones at each corner of the delivery-room. The change makes a great improvement in the appearance of the building, and adds one more to the long list of donations made by the club to the library. Six additional stacks have been placed in the stack-room, affording much needed room for shelving the books to better advantage.

The residents of Waite Park, which is just outside the city limits, have been given free use of the library, and the board is again agitating the matter of asking the county commissioners for an appropriation which will enable the library to extend its privileges to all residents of the county.

St. Paul. The new Children's room was opened in July. The room extends across the entire east end of the building, is well ventilated and lighted, and attractively furnished, the soft browns on the walls and ceiling harmonizing with the oak furniture and cork carpet.

The school duplicate collection has been enlarged to supply the increased demand for traveling libraries for schools. The collection now contains 4,500 volumes, and 29 schools are supplied with books. A new station has been established in a millinery store at Hamline.

St. Peter. The walls of the library have been neatly tinted, and the appearance of the room has been further improved by the addition of six new pictures.

Tracy. Following a visit of the secretary of the Commission, Miss Martha Wilson of the Commission spent a week in Tracy, assisting the librarian, Mrs. Steele, in re-organizing the library. The Tracy Public Library has been supported since its organization, about twenty-five years ago, by the efforts of a number of public-spirited women, who have accumulated nearly 2,000 books. A pleasant room in the city hall

was furnished by the council when the building was remodeled, and the library is open every Saturday afternoon.

Two Harbors. A convenient site for the Carnegie library has been secured, and plans have been submitted to Mr. Carnegie for his approval. The council has agreed to increase the tax levy to-\$1,500 annually, and the Carnegie donation has been increased to \$15,000.

Wabasha. The Wabasha Choral Club gave a concert for the benefit of the Ladies' Library Association.

Waseca. The home talent entertainment given for the library under the auspices of the Monday Study Club was a great success in every way, the proceeds amounting to \$200.

White Bear. The Camp Lincoln colony at Mahtomedi on the shores of White Bear Lake has organized a library for the benefit of those residing in that neighborhood. The library is housed in the Bloomer residence, and Mrs. Bloomer, who serves as librarian, has donated a considerable number of books.

Willmar. Miss Helen Henry told King Arthur stories to an audience of about thirty boys and girls one evening in August.

Winona. The East End branch, which was closed during the summer months, will be re-opened October 1st. Miss Mabel Sterner, who was so successful in extending the work of this branch last winter, will again be in charge.

Zumbrota. The new Carnegie building was informally opened for use in May. The librarian, Miss Hattie Marvin, attended summer school, and since her return, August 1st, the library has been open every evening, and on Sunday afternoons from three to five.

A ladies' rest-room has been furnished in the basement by the business men of Zumbrota, assisted by gifts from a number of people. The room is open at all times of the day, and will be much appreciated by the farmers' wives and daughters.